Get Involved on OAA Council

Vacancies for the 2016 - 2018 Term

Volunteering and being elected to serve on Council is a rewarding experience. It’s your opportunity to share your expertise and learn in depth about other aspects of the profession, regulation, the Association’s structure, as well as numerous programs and services. It’s a chance to gain a wealth of information, give back to the community and influence the future of the profession.

If you are looking for a challenging and rewarding experience that will make a difference to the profession, joining OAA Council may be the opportunity you are looking for. You may also wish to encourage another member to join Council.

There will be five vacancies on Council. You require three members from your electoral district (the one you are running in) to nominate you. The nomination forms must be returned by October 26.
Call for Tours

The OAA is soliciting tour proposals for possible inclusion in the 2016 OAA Conference program. We are looking for unique and informative tours that will engage and educate the audience. Conference tours can be architectural or recreational in nature. The goals of the program are to show attendees what the Conference host city has to offer in terms of new architectural projects, heritage projects and exciting attractions and or excursion activities. Architectural tours also provide Continuing Education Opportunities for the membership.

For more information, visit the Call for Tours page or contact us at tamarak@oaa.on.ca.

ConEd Call for Proposals

The Call for proposals for ConEd sessions for the 2016 Conference is open. The OAA invites you to submit a proposal to speak at the Conference in the Continuing Education Stream.

While traditional learning environments in a classroom or round table format are expected, we welcome other interactive forms of delivery.
For more information, including how to submit your proposal, visit the Call for Proposals page or contact us at ellens@oaa.on.ca.

**OAA+2030 2016 Professional Series**

Online registration now available!

The OAA+2030 Professional Series will be offered from January to June in Toronto. Now you can complete the Series in six months! Find out more and consider this great opportunity to gain the knowledge to create next-generation, super-efficient buildings.

For more information, click here.

**Procurement Day 2015**

For the 4th year, the OAA is proud to be a partner of Procurement Day, October 26. This event is hosted annually by the members of the Construction & Design Alliance Ontario (CDAO) and brings together public procurement professionals from across province. The purpose is to exchange ideas, present problems and find
solutions in a collaborative environment relative to issues affecting the procurement of design and construction services in Ontario. The goal is to seek common ground and identify mutually satisfactory ways to address identified issues for building a better procurement process.

This year’s Procurement Day will focus on two panel discussions: Risk Assessment & Analysis and Prequalification. OAA Architect Claudina Sula, will be participating in Risk Assessment Panel and OAA Architect Emilio Raimondo will be participating on the Prequalification panel. See further details attached.

For more information on the activities that the OAA is participating in related to procurement as a member of the Construction and Design Alliance Ontario, visit procurementproject.ca

International Architectural Roundtable – December 2, 2015

This year’s Architectural Roundtable will examine innovative applications of concrete in architecture and the urban environment. How is concrete enhancing the aesthetics, sustainability and community impact of structures?

The event will take place on December 2 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building. RSVP by November 17, 2015 to receive free admission to the session.
Winter Stations asks Designers to Re-imagine Toronto’s beaches

Winter Stations is once again calling on the Canadian and international design community to submit their visions as registration opens for the 2016 competition. Submissions are due on **November 12, 2015** with winners announced in early January 2016.

Competitors are challenged to create temporary wintertime installations anchored to the utilitarian life guard stands that inject colour, movement, humour and life into the landscape along Toronto’s east end beaches.

For more information, visit [winterstations.com](http://winterstations.com).

City of London – Urban Design Review Panel

The City of London is looking for candidates to fill three vacant positions (2 architects & 1 design professional) on the Urban Design Peer Review Panel. The Panel is part of the City of London Urban Design Program, which has the primary goal of making London a centre for design excellence. Note that participation is on an “unpaid and voluntary basis.” Interested candidates should complete and submit the application form by
4:30 pm on November 6, 2015.

As part of the OAA’s ongoing monitoring and advocacy, the Association has communicated its position to the City that architects should receive honorariums for serving on these panels. City staff reported that they will relay the OAA’s concerns on to senior management.

OAA Tour of Local Societies

OAA President, Toon Dreessen along with local Councillors and Executive Director, Kristi Doyle are touring the province to talk with the membership about key Council priorities and initiatives as well as discussing current local issues.

These informal sessions are designed to encourage member feedback and provide a direct link to members of OAA Council. We want to hear the issues and ideas that are important to you and your practice.

Plan to attend. Click here for a schedule of society visits. Contact your local Society Chair for more information.
Women in Architecture - Ontario

October is Women's History Month in Canada. Declared in 1992 by the Government of Canada, Women's History month recognizes the contributions of women, past and present, who influence the development of our nation. This year, the OAA joins the celebrations with a special biOAAg series Women in Architecture – Ontario, celebrating the milestones of pioneers, acknowledging the contributions of women shaping our built environment, and reflecting on the challenges still faced in achieving gender equality within the profession.

Do you want to contribute to our series? Think we should feature someone? Do you know about an important milestone in the history of women in the profession? Please share your story and let us know! E-mail joell@oaa.on.ca with your contribution.

Join SPIF (Small Practices Information Forum)

Do You Own, Plan to start or work for a Small Architectural Practice?

While working in a small practice can be rewarding, it can also be isolating. Come and join others like yourselves in an informal and lively setting to discuss issues relating to a small practice and help shape what is happening on the Consortium Architecture Business Model.

Their next meeting #24, will be at 5:30 pm, at the FROG and FIRKIN - 4854 Yonge Street, North York, On, M2N 5N2 on Wednesday, October 28, 2015. – 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Upper Pool Room (Yonge and Sheppard area). RSVP Paul Hastings, OAA.
Mumby Insurance

The risk of disability is real. Statistics show the chance of having a disabling illness or injury is surprisingly high. Almost one-third of North Americans entering the work force today will become disabled before they retire.

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